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Hockey Day in BWG!

Photos and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times

Early morning outdoor Pre-Tyke hockey game in Bond Head, during Hockey Day in Bradford West Gwillimbury, January 18.

On Jan.18, the hamlet of Bond Head hosted Hockey Day in BWG.

Just before dawn on Saturday, the two outdoor ice rinks at Bud Brown Park in Bond Head were cleared of snow, and the parking lot was readied for an onslaught of vehicles, crammed with hockey gear and Tyke and Pre-tyke players.

Volunteers and Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury staff were busy preparing for Hockey Day in Bradford West Gwillimbury, an annual event that provides the youngest hockey players with the chance to play on outdoor rinks, receive a medal, and meet mascots Chuck the Puck and the Bradford Bulldog, in a day of hockey fun.

As one Dad noted, "This is where it all starts."

Timbits hockey players as young as

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It's the Arts: Mary Pratt

Retrospective of Mary Pratt's work opens at the McMichael.

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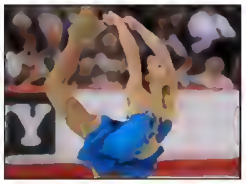

The road to Sochi

Ontario athletes prepare for the Sochi Winter Olympics.

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South Simcoe Police: Drugs on the streets

Crack cocaine. Powder cocaine. Oxycodone. Methamphetamines. Ecstasy. Marijuana.

South Simcoe has seen a rise in drug culture and use over the past 5 years. South Simcoe Police Constable Kai Johnston, a member of the Drug and Street Crimes Unit, described the trends, at the January 20 Police Services Board Meeting.

"Our major drug in South Simcoe is cocaine," PC Johnston said - both powder and "Crack", cocaine in crystal form, which can be smoked. But Oxycodone is a close second, and may pose an even greater human health risk.

Cocaine, Johnston noted, is mentally but not physically addictive. Oxycodone, sold as Percocet, Oxycocet or OxyContin, is an opioid that is both mentally and physically addictive. It's also relatively cheap, and readily available - one of the most prescribed pain medications, despite its addictive qualities.

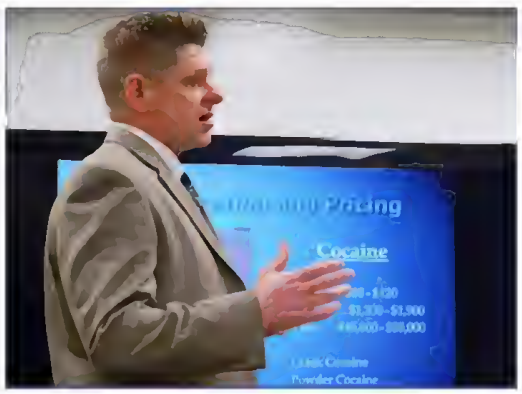
And there's a new threat on the horizon: Methamphetamines.

When South Simcoe police responded to a vehicle in a ditch, on 5 Sideroad at the 5th Line of Innisfil in November 2012, they discovered not only a stolen vehicle, but one that had been transformed into a mobile Meth lab.

The vehicle was filled with bags of chemicals - "all legal, all readily available" at any hardware store, Johnston said, including acetone, bath salts, and over-the-counter medications containing ephedrine and pseudoephedrine.

It took a while before South Simcoe Police realized what they had found: a "one-pot method shake-and-bake lab," Johnston said, used to make Crystal Meth - the first such lab found in Ontario. "We don't see a lot of it. It's starting to invade York - it's coming this way, make no mistake."

The highly toxic chemicals, the highly flammable nature of the materials and the process, create a hazard for local communities. "There's been one in Hamilton, in Wingham.... It blew up, and caused a big fire," Johnston said. The air is toxic, the chemicals flammable - "This is a real problem for us." The South Simcoe Police Service doesn't have the equipment to deal with the danger, so local police call in the OPP or York Regional Police. "South Simcoe doesn't have that equipment, but we have agreements."



What about marijuana? Grow Ops used to be a key target of enforcement, but in recent years Police have drawn back, due to the proliferation of "Medical Marijuana" and the licensing of home grow ops, by prescription.

"There's a serious abuse of it," PC Johnston said, noting that one doctor alone has been responsible for writing over 7,000 prescriptions for medical marijuana. And although licensed grow operations are supposed to be inspected, "There's never been a grow op inspected in Canada, that we know of."

That's all set to end this July, when a new system will put an end to licensed home grow operations, and require users to purchase medical marijuana from major distributors.

Until then, police can only watch from the sidelines, concerned about problems that could include "the molds, the mildews, the by-passes (of the electricity meters), the heat, the hydro" - and the security.

"There is none. This is in people's houses," Johnston said, with most of the licensed grow ops located in residential areas. The result has been a number of home invasions, and violence.

"It happens."

Police rely on information provided from the community, surveillance, search warrants, undercover operations and intelligence, to meet the drug problem head on. In recent years, they conducted Project Full Moon, which broke a street crime ring dealing in drugs and stolen property, operating out of Timmy D's bar in Bradford. There have been 23 arrests, and 18 convictions resulting from the undercover operation.

And Project Talon, which focussed on street-level drug use, led to 18 arrests - and so far, 12 convictions, with 2 cases still before the courts.

The drug problem is not one that is going away any time soon. Rather, there are new challenges and new threats that require police to maintain their vigilance, keep up with the trends, and work with neighbouring police services.

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BDHS is leading the way to address the health and well-being of students, in a holistic way, both in and out of school. Parents are encouraged to attend this presentation, and find out how addictions and mental health affect our children in these stressful times, and what resources are available.

For more information, call Mr. John Playford, Principal at BDHS, at 905-775-2262.

Please attend on Saturday, at the high school, 70 Professor Day Drive in Bradford.

Gearing up for Transit

In its first meeting of 2014, Bradford West Gwillimbury Council received an update on the Town's Public Transit plans, including a proposed date for start of service: May 1, 2014.

The January 21 report noted that routes have been determined, bus stops identified, and 3 "community buses" have been purchased, manufactured, and delivered to Creative Carriage in St. George, Ontario.

The Town has purchased a fare collection system (fareboxes and electronic fare registers) from TransitFare & Systems Inc., at a "modest" cost of $11,000 per bus.

A tender has been awarded for the construction of 80 "landing pads" at bus stops - 10 of which were installed in 2013, with the remainder to be built this Spring. The Town is also looking at installing bus shelters along Holland St., through a partnership with an advertising agency that would cover the cost in return for exclusive advertising rights.

Switzer-Carty will operate the buses - and an agreement is being negotiated with Town Taxi, to provide connections from Bond Head to the transit system, and an early morning ride to GO Train Station for commuters, since the buses will only run between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Fares would be free for the first month, then $3 - or $2 with a smart card - with GO Transit potentially providing a subsidy. "GO Transit wants to encourage their riders to take the bus to the train rather than driving," explained Town Manager Jay Currier, although he noted that there is still a long way to go before agreements are finalized.

Theoretically, commuters would register with the cab company, for Taxi-to-GO or Shared-Ride service, then congregate at designated stops along Holland St. where they would be picked up by a taxi and transported to the Train station in small groups.

Several Councillors questioned the plans to operate buses only between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. "The bus will miss all the busy times," warned Councillor Ron Simpson.

Councillors Peter Dykie Jr. and Gary Lamb agreed. "Ultimately we should be looking for some flex in this system," said Lamb, pointing out that high schools start at 8 a.m., and the prime time for returning commuters is between 5 and 7 p.m.

"I've been pretty frustrated by the consultant, straight up", said Lamb, due to the lack of flexibility. He said he hoped that, once the system is up and running, the hours could be changed.

Both Currier and Mayor Doug White spoke of the complexity of setting up a Transit system. "If anybody asks why this amount of time has elapsed, from our decision to May 1 when we go live, just read this 6-page report," Mayor White said.

He pointed out that "the #1 constituency was the Seniors, and people without a vehicle," when the Town began considering Transit. The 9-to-5 proposal will meet those needs; as for other users, he said, "let's cross that bridge when we get to it."

Council received the report, and in Committee of the Whole, authorized staff to negotiate a 1-year agreement with Town Taxi, as the sole provider of cabs for the Taxi-to-GO and Shared-Ride programs.

"I think this is an innovative way to serve our residents," said Deputy Mayor Rob Keffer.

May 1st is the start date for Public Transit, but residents may see the buses on the roads before then, as the operator tests the equipment.

Crime Stoppers in Bradford

Crime Stoppers of Simcoe Dufferin Muskoka and the South Simcoe Police are asking for the public's assistance in solving a daytime Break and Enter in Bradford.

On January 11, a Bradford resident arrived home to find an unfamiliar vehicle parked in her driveway, with a man behind the wheel. As she approached the vehicle, she noticed the wheels were spinning, as the man attempted to flee the scene. The homeowner entered the residence, and confirmed that it had been broken into and ransacked. Police were called. The suspect is described as male, white, mid to late 20s with short brown hair, wearing a dark coat. He was driving a red mini-van.

Anyone with information is asked to contact South Simcoe Police at 905-775-3311, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or ***www.tipsubmit.com*** to remain anonymous. Callers to Crime Stoppers do not have to identify themselves or testify in court; information leading to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property or illicit drugs may be eligible for a cash reward of up to $2,000.

January is Crime Stoppers Month. During 2013, Crimes Stoppers of Simcoe Dufferin Muskoka received over 4,000 calls, which assisted police in clearing 83 cases, resulting in 104 arrests, and 228 charges.

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Provincial Liberals nominate a candidate

Photo and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times

From left, York-Simcoe Candidate Loralea Carruthers, Ontario Minister of Education Liz Sandals, and former MPP Rick Johnson at the Jan. 15 Nomination Meeting.

The York-Simcoe Provincial Liberal Association nominated its candidate for the next Provincial election: Loralea Carruthers, 3-time Trustee with the York Region District School Board, and past vice president of the Ontario Public School Boards Association.

Carruthers was nominated at a meeting held January 15 in the historic Temperance Hall at Sharon Temple, in East Gwillimbury - a locale that has ties with early Liberal reformers Robert Baldwin and Louis LaFontaine, as Carruthers pointed out in her acceptance of the uncontested nomination.

Nearly 100 people packed the Hall. Carruthers was nominated by Avia Eek, King Twp. Councillor and Marsh farmer, who praised her "experience, approachability... and hard work," calling her "the Candidate our riding deserves."

The nomination was seconded by Raj Sandhu, Bradford West Gwillimbury Councillor. "Loralea has a record of getting things done, locally... (and) through the province," Sandhu said.

Carruthers not only spoke of "the Liberal legacy from this community," dating back to 1841and the election of Baldwin, she promised to renew "the Liberal tradition."

The riding is currently represented by Progressive Conservative MPP Julia Munro.

"I have heard too many people saying that this is a Conservative riding. Well, I want you to know that I'm here to change that," Carruthers said, identifying issues that included education, improved pensions, and revitalized transportation systems.

She also promised a positive campaign. "This campaign is about the future. We all stay positive, because that is how our Premier leads," she said to applause, promising to share "our positive plan to build a stronger Ontario."

Carruthers told the meeting, "I joined the Ontario Liberal Party because I believe in Premier Wynne. I believe in her positive, collaborative and hands-on leadership. She inspires me, and I think she inspires all of us to work in the public interest, to think big and to have hope for the future."

She received a standing ovation.

As at any Riding Association meeting, there was also a plea for funds, for the upcoming campaign - and a final declaration from Carruthers, "We're going to win this!" It earned Carruthers a second standing ovation.

Hockey Day in BWG! Celebrating hockey, at the Pre-Tyke and Tyke outdoor hockey games held in Bond Head on January 18 - from left, Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Doug White, MP for York-Simcoe, Peter Van Loan, and BWG Councillor Carl Hordyk.

letters to the editor

Schomberg Ag Tour

To the editor: Dress warm, wear your boots, breathe the fresh air, and have fun on the farm are all the things you have to remember when getting ready for the 10th annual Schomberg Agricultural Farm Tour, which will be taking place Saturday, March 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tour a variety of farms that will be educational, and bring the bounty of the Local Food Movement to your table! You and your family will learn more about the work and resources required to provide your food, as you visit with the animals and the farmers - a great family day to kick off the March Break.

Tickets are $10 per vehicle, and will be available starting March 1 at Schomberg Rona, Schomberg True Garden Supplies, Schomberg PharmaChoice, Richvale Saddlery, Tottenham Feed Service, Nobleton Feed Mill, Alliance AgricTurf in Bolton, and the Nobleton Feed Mill. Tickets can also be purchased at the Schomberg Community Hall, 325 Main St., on the day of the Tour, March 8.

Lunch will be offered at the Hall - a hearty meal of a hot dog, home-made soup or chili. For more information, see ***www.schombergfair.com***, or call 905-859-0834

Schomberg Agricultural Society

Please clear a path

To the editor: I can empathize with the writer's concern about the condition of the Town's sidewalks in this cold and icy weather. My particular problem, however, happens every winter when our community mailboxes become inaccessible due to the huge mounds of snow piled at the side of the road. This winter is particularly problematic because the snow has turned to ice.

As a Senior with mobility problems, I would welcome having the area around mailboxes kept clear. Since Canada Post saves money by not delivering mail door-to-door, perhaps it cold reimburse the Town for snow removal around the mailboxes.

Nancy Warren, Bradford

Thanks to the knitters!

To the editor: St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church in Bond Head would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to all those who donated long hours of their labour, knitting hats, mittens and slippers for our Christmas Tree of Warmth. The items were distributed to local schools, The Salvation Army, and My Sister's Place, and with your help, we put smiles on the faces of a lot of deserving children. God bless!

St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church

Tec-We-Gwill W.I. meets

The Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute hosts its first meeting of the new year on Monday, January 27 at the Tec-We-Gwill WI Hall in Newton Robinson. The meeting begins at noon; bring a sandwich - the Lunch Committee will provide tea, coffee and dessert. Guest Speaker will be John Borland, who visited Belize and Guatemala as part of the Advanced Agriculture Program's International Study Tour. He will share his experiences.

All welcome. For more information, contact Sylvia, 705-435-7736 or Glenna, 705-458-1510.

Local History Association

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Local History Association meets on Saturday, January 25, at 2 p.m. in the Bradford Public Library's Board Room. Guest speaker is Councillor and historian Gary Lamb,with an update on the Auld Kirk and on the Holland Marsh Drainage improvement project. All welcome.

Rockin' at the Bradford Legion

More than 100 people packed the Bradford Legion on Friday night, Jan. 17, for a performance by internationally-acclaimed recording artist Chris Partland, backed by the Sil Simone Band and special guest, Jessica Ross. It was an evening of sensational entertainment, by the member of The Partland Brothers.

In photo, from left: Chris Partland, BWG Mayor Doug White, Jessica Ross and Sil Simone. Photo by Deb Draper, CEO of Moe Dee Music.

Friday Night Social Time - every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Bradford Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford. Come out and enjoy dinner prepared and served by the Culinary Arts Students at Bradford District High School, for a nominal fee, then stay for music and fellowship. All welcome. No cover charge.

Jan. 25, the inaugural **Frank Lotto Dart Tourney** takes place at the Legion. Registration at 10 a.m., play begins at 11 a.m. Entry is $15, which includes lunch. Sign up in the club room.

On Feb. 2, enjoy a **Superbowl Party** at the Legion, starting at 4 p.m. Wide screen TV; half-time chili; prizes! Tickets are only $10, available at the bar. Note: Space is limited!

Saturday, February 8 - an afternoon of live music, 2 p.m., with **Randy Thomas**. All welcome.

Monday and Thursday Night Fun Darts, 7:30 at the Branch. Everyone welcome - membership not required.

Euchre, on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, 1 p.m. All welcome.

Do you want to stand behind our troops and veterans, enjoy comradeship and activities, and support youth programs in the community? Consider membership in the Legion. For more information, contact Donna at 905-775-5025. The Legion is here for Canada's Vets and their spouses, whether at home, or in a nursing home or care facility. You don't have to be a Legion member to ask for assistance. Contact Veteran Services Officer Sean Griffin at 705-251-0208.

Robbie Burns Supper

The Lefroy-Belle Ewart Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion will be holding a Robbie Burns Supper on Saturday, January 25 at the Legion hall, 1017 Robinson St. in Belle Ewart. The evening begins at 5:45 p.m. with cocktails, followed by Dinner at 6:30 p.m. - and the piping in of the Haggis by the Innisfil Pipes & Drums. Tickets are $25 per person, available from Vice President Chris Knowles, at 705-431-5090. Call early - the Robbie Burns Supper is always sold out.

Robbie Burns at Lakeside

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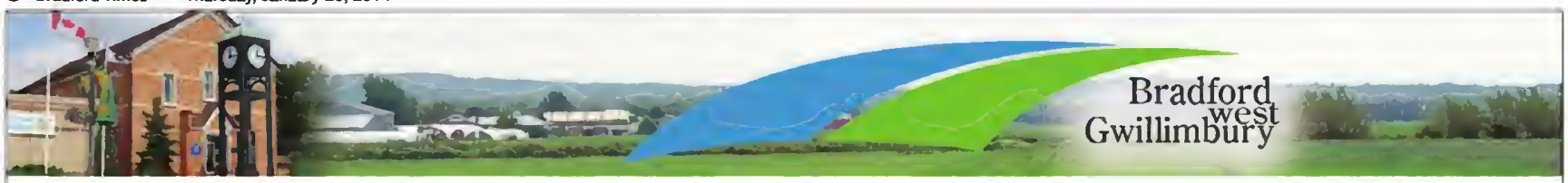

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For further information or to request a deputation, please contact the Clerk's Division.

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- Thurs. Jan 30 @ 7:00 p.m. – BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room

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Active Transportation Committee

- Thurs. Jan 23 @ 7:00 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Boardroom, 425 Holland St. W

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- Mon. Jan 27 @ 7:00 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Boardroom, 425 Holland St. W

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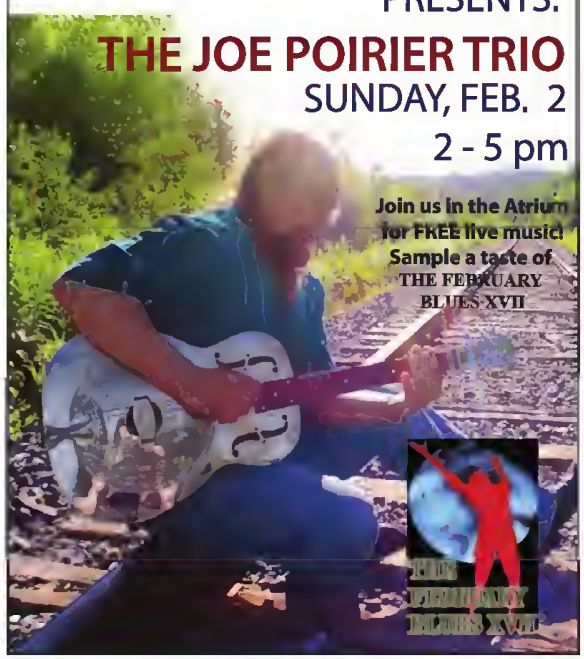

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DO NOT FOUL OUR SIDEWALKS & PARKS DON'T FORGET TO "STOOP AND SCOOP"

Dog waste is a public health hazard that takes the pleasure out of out door activities for all Bradford West Gwillimbury residents. Failure to clean-up and dispose of dog excrement is a violation of Section 4.9 of Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury By-law 2006-027 and can result in a fine of $205.00.

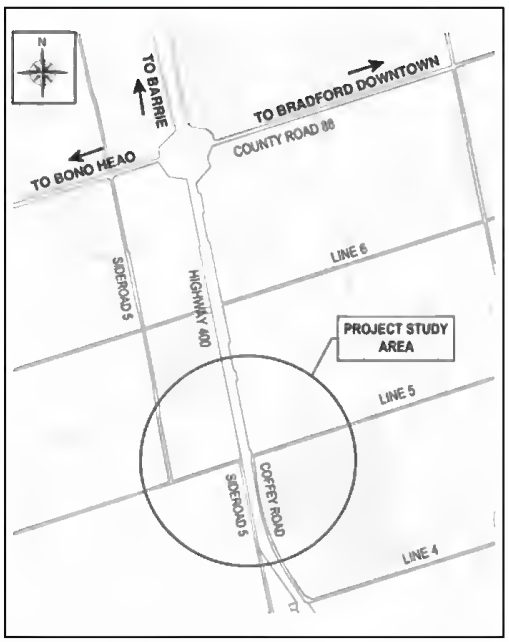
It is also a violation of Section 4.9 of By-law 2006-027 to let your dog run at large.

Bradford west Gwillimbury

TOWN OF BRADFORD WEST GWILLIMBURY
HIGHWAY 400 & LINE 5 INTERCHANGE DETAILED DESIGN
NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT

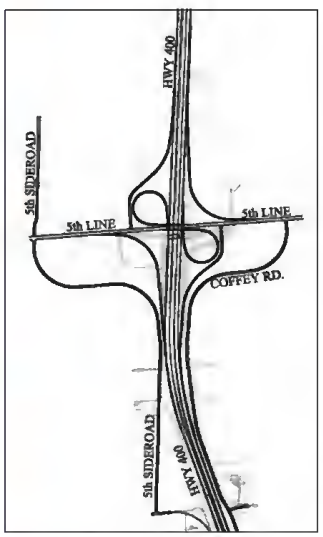
BACKGROUND

A Transportation Master Plan (OPA 17) completed by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury in 2006 determined that existing traffic capacity was insufficient to accommodate projected population growth and future employment development. Among the recommendations made to resolve this deficiency was the construction of a new interchange at Highway 400 and Line 5. The Town initiated a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) in 2009 to review alternative solutions to provide for an interchange at Highway 400 and Line 5. The Municipal Class EA process was completed in 2010 resulting in the selection of a preferred design concept.



THE PROJECT

To move forward to construction, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has retained the services of URS and the Ainley Group to undertake the detailed design of the new infrastructure proposed at Highway 400 and Line 5.



PRELIMINARY INTERCHANGE CONFIGURATION

Improvements being completed as part of this undertaking include the removal and replacement of the existing Line 5 bridge et Highway 400 to a Parclo A-4 interchange, re-alignment of the North Schomberg River, re-alignment of the 5th Sideroad with localized widening to four lanes and re-alignment of Coffey Road. This project is being completed with input from the Ministry of Transportation and the County of Simcoe to ensure that future requirements are addressed through the current design.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Public input is encouraged throughout the detailed design process. Please forward comments to any member of the Project Team identified below by February 6, 2014. A public meeting will be scheduled later this year to provide additional design details and to allow opportunity for comment.

COMMENTS

To obtain additional information, provide comments, or to be placed on the study mailing list, please contact:

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Any input received during this process will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

This notice first issued on January 23, 2014.

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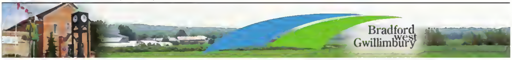

NOTICES

TO ALL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS

WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS FOR ROADWAYS WITHIN BRADFORD WEST GWILLIMBURY COME INTO EFFECT ON NOVEMBER 1ST, 2013

Bradford West Gwillimbury By-law 94-047, Section 6.2 (e) as amended, is in force and effect, which does not permit parking on any Street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from November 1st to May 1st of the following year, save and except for the following roads:

Holland Street West to Holland Court,
Holland Street East to Nelson Street,
Simcoe Road South to Centre Street; and
Barrie Street North to John Street.

Of which the no parking regulation will be between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Also be advised that the Stopping of vehicles on Sidewalks within Bradford West Gwillimbury is prohibited.

Don't let a parking ticket ruin your day!

NOTICE OF WELL DECOMMISSIONING

The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury hereby notifies all interested individuals and parties that Simcoe Well, Soda Pop Well, Bingham Well, 8th Line (Hambly) Well and Doane Well be discontinued as a source of municipal drinking water, as per Section 14 of Ontario Regulation 287/07.

The wells have not been in service since 2009 due to the performance, capacity, and quality of the water.
Water to the Town is currently supplied by groundwater sources known as Church Well No.1 and Church Well No.2. The Town is also supplied by treated surface water from the Town of Innisfil.

The Town intends to amend its Municipal Drinking Water License (MDWL), Drinking Water Works Permit (DWWP), Permit to Take Water (PTTW) and decommission all the above noted wells in accordance with all applicable legislation within the next five (5) years, as required.

Source Water Implications

The wells to be decommissioned were included in the approved Assessment Report: Lake Simcoe and Couchiching Black River Source Protection Area. Changes to information regarding the drinking water system need to be reflected in the Assessment Report so the implementation of the Source Water Protection policies is based on current and accurate data.
The purpose of this notice is to inform the public affected by this change to the drinking water system as the proposed Source Protection Plan policies, once approved by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE), will no longer apply to parcels located in the areas as the wells are no longer a drinking water source for the Town. The location of the wells and their Wellhead Protection Areas (WHPAs) can been seen on either the Town's website or by visiting the Drinking Water Source Protection website at www.ourwatershed.ca.

Should additional information be required, please contact the undersigned.

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Engineering Services, Compliance Division
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
sgergen@townofbwg.com
905-778-2055 ext. 2204

WARNING TO RESIDENTS OF QUESTIONABLE SALE TACTICS

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is receiving calls from residents who have been visited by door-to-door sales persons attempting to gain access to their homes in order to sell in-house water purification equipment.

In some reported instances these sales people have identified themselves as Town employees. These sales persons are not employed by nor affiliated with the Town. Town employees have proper photo identification which includes the name of the employee and their badge ID number. Only Town employed Certified Licensed Water Operators represent the Town's Water Department and would never try to sell in-house water purification equipment.

A portion of the sales presentation includes a statement alleging Town water is of poor quality and therefore unsafe for consumption. The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's drinking water continually meets and exceeds the stringent water quality standards set out by the Province of Ontario.

Any resident who has any questions or concerns can call the Town's Engineering Services Department at 905-778-2055. For further information about door to door water testing and sales, please visit the Ministry of Consumer Services at www.sse.gov.on.ca/mcs/en/Pages/default.aspx.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is currently accepting applications from residents of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury who are interested in volunteering in their community by serving on the Council Compensation Committee. The first meeting will commence at a mutually agreeable date during regular office hours and at a meeting location to be determined and will continue until the mandate of the Committee is fulfilled.

The purpose of the committee is to review and recommend appropriate levels of remuneration for members of Council for the 2014 to 2018 term.

The committee will be comprised of three (3) citizen members along with staff advisors.

Residents should submit their letter of interest to the undersigned outlining their involvement in community service projects and/or other volunteer activities. Applicants must be an eligible elector to vote at a municipal election of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Letters of interest must be received by the undersigned in a sealed envelope marked CONFIDENTIAL no later than Friday, January 31, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

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"Fundraiser" heads to jail

by Tracy McLaughlin, Special to The Bradford Times

A "fundraiser" who scoured the Internet for sick and dying children so he could use them as poster children to haul in thousands of dollars in donations was sent back to jail by the Ontario Court of Appeal on Jan. 21.

The high court upheld both the verdict and the sentence of Adam Gour, who was found guilty in a Barrie court in November 2012 of defrauding the public.

Gour made posters of the children without the knowledge of their families, and set up collection boxes in Big Box stores across Ontario, telling his staff to claim they were volunteers.

After the trial, Justice John McIsaac called Gour's actions "vile and despicable," and sentenced him to 15 months in jail. Gour was also fined $280,000, with a warning that if he doesn't pay the fine within 3 years, he will be sent to a Penitentiary for 3 years, under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

One day after his sentencing, however, he was released from jail while waiting for his appeal to be heard.

"It was like a slap in the face to see him walking around town a free man, after what he did," said Alan Wood of North Bay, whose child's image was used in one of the posters. His son, who underwent brain surgery to remove a tumour, never received a dime from Gour's campaign, which raised thousands of dollars in North Bay. "It's a relief to see him back in jail where he belongs."

The Court heard how Gour and his hired cronies would set up cash boxes in North Bay, Timmins, Sudbury, Ottawa, Bradford and Alliston, telling donors that they were volunteers. But at the end of the day, they would crack open the boxes, and take the money for themselves.

In a 12-week period, they collected $450,000.

Police shut down the operation when the family of 6-year-old Jaida Cumberland of Alliston, learned that the youngster's photo was being used on cash boxes in grocery stores in Bradford and Alliston.

Jaida and her family were greeted with the news, after they returned from a trip to Disneyland - a last wish granted by the Children's Wish Foundation.

"It was like having a wonderful, warm balloon enveloping you upon your return from a magical time with your family. Days and nights were not ruled by therapy and medicine, but living in the moment and enjoying the life of your precious child. And then you return to find that a criminal has exploited your beloved child's circumstances to line his pockets," said Jaida's dad. Jaida has since died, of a rare neurological disease.

After losing the appeal, Gour's lawyer Sam Goldstein argued that the $280,000 fine was too harsh. "It's crushing. You may as well say my client got a 5-year sentence, because he can't pay back that money." Goldstein insisted that his client had every intention of donating a large portion of the money to charity.

South Simcoe Police Report

On the lam for 6 years

A man on the run for 6 years has turned himself in to police. On January 19, a 35 year old man of no fixed address, who was wanted by both South Simcoe Police and Toronto Police, approached a Barrie Police officer and surrendered. He was turned over to South Simcoe Police, on a charge of Breach of Recognizance. Once the South Simcoe charges have been dealt with, he will be handed over to Toronto Police, to face a charge of "Unlawfully at Large." Anyone with information on persons wanted by police is asked to contact South Simcoe Police or to remain anonymous, Crime Stoppers, 1-800-222-TIPS.

No Insurance

A 43 year old Woodbridge man is facing a hefty fine after he was pulled over by a Canine Officer on Professor Day Drive in Bradford. The vehicle, a Nissan, was stopped for speeding; when the driver was unable to surrender any insurance documents, the officer determined that the man did not have auto insurance. He was cited under the Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act, with a court date of Feb. 12. If convicted, he faces a minimum fine of $5000.

Rescue on Lake Simcoe

QMI Agency - Fire and police departments from two jurisdictions were called into action last Thursday evening, after an Innisfil teenager became disoriented on the ice of Lake Simcoe.

After being out on the ice for hours, 14 year old Justin Carriere Copan was rescued, shortly before 8 p.m., and returned to Innisfil Beach Park where he was treated for "mild hypothermia" by paramedics, before being reunited with his parents.

The search, which focused on an area between Fox Island and the 8th and 9th Lines of Innisfil, lasted for four hours, complicated by blowing snow.

"We have a 14 year old on a cell phone out on the ice. He is awaiting rescue because he heard cracking and is afraid to move," an email from South Simcoe Police Constable Richard Williamson informed the press, around the supper time. That cell phone may have saved his life.

Around 2:30 p.m., Justin apparently decided to walk across the ice - without letting anyone know. On his way back, he became disoriented in the snow and deepening twilight. Without a winter hat or mitts, and with the ice cracking underfoot, he used the cell phone, which he had only received the day before, to call 911.

South Simcoe Police, York Regional Police, Innisfil Fire & Rescue and the Georgina Fire Department were alerted around 5:40 p.m. The Fire Department's ice boat, and York Regional Police snowmobiles were dispatched to search for the youth, who remained in contact with his rescuers. At one point, CFB Trenton sent out a Hercules search-and-rescue aircraft, but that was cancelled after the youth was located, at about 6:45 p.m.

"If he hadn't had a cell phone, which was given to him yesterday...

"It all came together. I'm extremely relieved - very, very relieved," said the teen's father, Gerald Copan, adding that the phone might have been a gift from a friend. "We didn't know he had a cell phone."

The teen was found to be suffering from "mild hypothermia", but otherwise in good condition following his 5 hour ordeal. His parents planned to "take him home and give him hot chocolate," said Gerald, thanking all of those who joined in the search for his son and brought him back, safe and sound. "My thanks and my gratitude to all."

Asked if he would ever go out on a similar "adventure," Justin said emphatically, "No."

Safe Roads... Your Call

At approx. 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 17, South Simcoe Police received a 911 call from a concerned citizen about a possible impaired driver on Holland St. W. in Bradford. A traffic officer was able to locate the vehicle, and pull it over. After a brief conversation, the officer arrested the driver for Impaired. The driver, a 50 year old Bradford man, was returned to South Division for breath testing, which confirmed that he was more than twice the legal limit. Officers also learned that the man was already before the courts on another Impaired charged, laid by OPP, and disqualified from Driving. The man was held in custody pending a bail hearing on charges of Impaired Driving, Over .080, and Drive while Disqualified. His vehicle was impounded.

Citizens can play a role in keeping roads safe. If you see a suspected impaired driver, call 911 and report the incident to Police, and provide your location, a description of the vehicle, and last known direction of travel. Safe Roads... Your Call.

New Chair for PSB

In the January 20 meeting of the Bradford West Gwillimbury-Innisfil Police Services Board, Sharon Villani was acclaimed as Chair, replacing Lori Boudreau. Board member Rod Hicks was acclaimed as Vice Chair.

Asian Carp threat

On Jan. 25, 2012, an Alltheway truck crossed into Canada at the Ambassador Bridge carrying Grass and Bighead Carp from Arkansas. Conservation officers with MNR inspected the fish, and discovered some of the Grass carp were alive. The fish were seized. SUBMITTED PHOTO.

Asian carp pose a severe threat to native aquatic species. They have invaded water bodies in the U.S., and currently, Asian carp comprise more than 50% of the fish (by weight) caught in some parts of the Illinois River. In Ontario, it is illegal to possess live Bighead, Silver, Grass or Black Carp, or other invasive species. The Ministry of Natural Resources has advised that a trucking company out of Edmonton, Alberta, and a truck driver from Markham, Ontario, have been fined a total of $75,000 for possessing live Asian carp in Ontario.

Alltheway Trucking Inc. and Yong-Sheng Zhang were each found guilty under the federal Fisheries Act for possessing live invasive fish. On January 16, the company was fined $70,000; the driver was fined $5,000. Over 3,000 kg. of Grass Carp were forfeited to the Crown.

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New year @ Bradford Public Library

Kids were invited to "Myra's Birthday Party" at the Library.

From a Paper Bag Princess Scavenger Hunt, to "Myra's Birthday Party" in the Green room, parents and kids enjoyed another Free Family Saturday, January 18, celebrating Family Literacy Day, with a **Robert Munsch Party.** The event was organized by the Friends of the Bradford West Gwillimbury Library. The Friends, with help from crafter Michelle de Gasperis and Scholastic Books, not only gave away copies of a Munsch Treasury to the winners of the Scavenger Hunt, but a free book to every child, from pre-schooler to Young Adult, who dropped in.

January is Alzheimer Awareness Month. Are you caring for an aging parent, spouse, relative or friend? Come to the Workshop at the BWG Public Library on Monday, January 27, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Learn the importance of early diagnosis, discuss proactive brain health strategies, learn more about the supports available through the Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County and CHATS Community & Home Assistance To Seniors. Free, but space is limited. Please register at 905-713-3373 or 1-866-677-9048 ext. 6211. Funded by the Central Local Health Integration Network.

NFB Film Club - a new season of films from the National Film Board, with monthly free screenings of thought-provoking documentaries. Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m.: ***Assembly***, an experimental short animated film by Jenn Strom; and ***Chi*** - a documentary about Babz Chula's journey into the unknown, as she seeks healing for her cancer at an Ayurvedic clinic.

Memoir Writing Course! Patti Hall is a non-fiction author, coach and educator, living in Bradford. She gathers small groups of motivated writers together, and using her own energy and encouragement, "nudges" them toward writing their stories. The Memoir Writing Course, for ages 16 and up, is a 10-week course held Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., beginning February 5. Cost is $125 for the full course and all materials; for details email ***patti@pattimhall.ca*** or visit ***www.bradford.library.on.ca***

Venture Beyond Bradford Travel Seminars: The BWG Library and Voyageur Travel welcome DeNure Tours on Wednesday, February 5, from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Bradford Public Library Boardroom. Discover North America, from whale-watching in Newfoundland to travelling by train through the Rockies in B.C... Explore Africa and its wildlife.... See the ancient wonders of Greece and Pompeii. Free, but please RSVP to Voyageur Travel, 905-895-2433 or *info@voyageurtravel.ca*

There is a **Youth Entrepreneur Club** starting up in Bradford - creating tomorrow's leaders today! The Club will meet in the BWG Public Library boardroom on the first Thursday of each month, starting February 6, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Young entrepreneurs between the ages of 13 and 19 will learn confidence and leadership; what it takes to become an entrepreneur; how to recognize a great business idea; how to build a successful business - and more, with business expert and entrepreneur Shanna McFarlane. Free, but please pre-register in person at the Library, 425 Holland St. West, or phone 905-775-3328 ext. 6100.

For more information, see ***www.shannamcfarlane.com*** or email ***info@shannamcfarlane.com***

Michelle de Gasperis, left, demonstrates shaving cream art, Jan. 18.

February Blues!

The Barrie Jazz and Blues Festival (***www.barriejazzbluesfest.com***) spread its musical influence, Jan. 30 to Feb. 2 in the City of Barrie, and beyond.

On February 1, **Beverly Taft** and her band will celebrate the February Blues at the Cookstown Branch of the Innisfil Public Library, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Drop in and enjoy a free concert.

And on February 2, the Bradford Public Library at 425 Holland St. West, welcomes **The Joe Poirier Trio**, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Atrium. Poirier grew up in Cape Breton Island, and played violin and bass before taking up guitar. He has played alongside Celtic fiddlers such as J.P. Cormier and Jerry Holland, and later toured with several bands, opening for acts that included April Wine, Jason McCoy, and blues great Jack DeKeyser. In 2001, he released his first CD, featuring his own compositions, and now has 3 CDs to his credit. On Sunday, Feb. 2, hear him live and in person, with his Trio - free.

SST's London Suite

South Simcoe Theatre will be presenting Neil Simon's comedy, London Suite on stage at the Old Town Hall Theatre, 1 Hamilton St. in Cookstown, from Jan. 30 to Feb. 16. A delightful winter treat, to chase away the winter blahs. Tickets are $18 each, available by calling the box office at 705-458-4432. For more information, see ***www.southsimcoetheatre.com***

Final show in the 2013-2014 season is Bram Stoker's Dracula, Mar. 27-Apr. 13.

Young Artists

Visual & Performing Arts Newmarket presents its annual Young Artists' Showcase featuring some of the best young talent in the region, on Sunday, February 2 at the Newmarket Theatre at 2 p.m. This year's showcase features Christopher Dallo, tenor; Laura Engsig on clarinet; Wesley Bells (on violin), and competitive dancers from Chantal's Dance Academy.

For tickets call 905-953-5122 or see ***www.newmarkettheatre.ca***

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This is an opportunity for you to visit the school and be informed about the Grade 9 program

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Model Trains

The 44th annual Barrie-Allandale Model Train Show will be taking place at Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery in Barrie (Hwy. 90 at Hwy. 27) on Saturday and Sunday, February 15 and 16. See model train layouts, speak with enthusiasts, purchase model trains and accessories from the vendors. Admission is $6 for adults, $4 for seniors and students, free for children under 6. The Show is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

With admission, receive $6 off any in-store purchase of $30 or more at Bradford Greenhouses.

Family Day at Scanlon

The Friends of Scanlon Creek present Family Fun Day, on Monday, February 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area. Enjoy guided nature hikes, kicksledding (weather permitting), a Scavenger Hunt and outdoor games, indoor children's craft area, and hot chocolate around the bonfire!

Admission is $10 per vehicle - free for those with a yearly pass ($50 per family). Meet in the Nature Centre Parking lot at 1 p.m. For more information, contact Wanda Black, at 905-895-1281. Scanlon is located off the 9th Line BWG, just north of Bradford.

Lake Simcoe: A Heritage Lake?

Barbara Love, left, and Marj Mossman made the plea for Lake Simcoe to be designated as Canada's first "Heritage Lake."

The lake was travelled by First Nations people, fur traders, and explorers like De La Salle and Samuel de Champlain, long before it was named "Lake Simcoe" by Governor John Graves Simcoe in 1793, in honour of his father.

Governor Simcoe recognized the lake's importance for both commerce, and defence, as the clouds of war gathered on the horizon. The lake played a key role in supplying British troops during the War of 1812-14 - and later, became an economic hub, plied by steam ships.

It's no wonder that Marj Mossman and Barbara Love have been working for years, hoping to have Lake Simcoe designated a "Heritage Lake." Unfortunately, notes Mossman, under the current rules "lakes aren't designated - only rivers." There are currently 42 rivers that have been designated as heritage waterways.

Mossman and Love presented their case for designation at the January 18 meeting of the Innisfil Historical Society, held at another heritage site: the Knock School house in Innisfil.

At the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre

The Danube Seniors Leisure Centre is located at 715 Simcoe Rd., south of Bradford. For information call 905-775-0612.

Coming up:

. **Summer Lunch in January**. On Saturday, January 25, enjoy a "Summer Lunch" at the Centre, only $10 per person. Doors open at noon; lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. Please RSVP and purchase tickets **in advance**, at 905-775-0612. The lunch will be followed by a Games afternoon and social time.

. **Health Seminar for Seniors**, on Thursday, February 13 at 11 a.m. The Danube Centre and CHATS (Community & Home Assistance To Seniors) host a presentation by **Matthews House Hospice on Caring, Sharing and Connecting Resources**, including support for life-limiting illnesses, day programs, counselling and bereavement services. Lunch is available following the seminar - $6 for Danube members, $7 for non-members. The seminar is free, but please register at 1-866-677-9048 ext 6211.

Walk or Skate For Memories

January is Alzheimer Awareness Month, and this year's campaign focuses on the importance of early diagnosis.

As many as 50% of Canadians with dementia are not diagnosed early enough - losing precious time when care and support can make a tremendous difference in their quality of life. An early diagnosis opens the door to care and treatment, helping people with dementia remain active and independent longer, take control of their lives, and plan ahead. For more information see ***www.earlydiagnosis.ca***

This weekend, **Walk/Skate for Memories.** Sunday, January 26 at the Holly Community Centre, 171 Mapleton Ave. in Barrie, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.). Enjoy a great indoor fundraiser, on the ice or in the gym.

Last year, the Walk/Skate for Memories raised over $32,000 for local programs, supporting more than 7,500 people living with Alzheimer's or related dementias in the Greater Simcoe County area. Register for this year's Walk or Skate at ***www.walkformemories.ca*** or call 705-722-1066.

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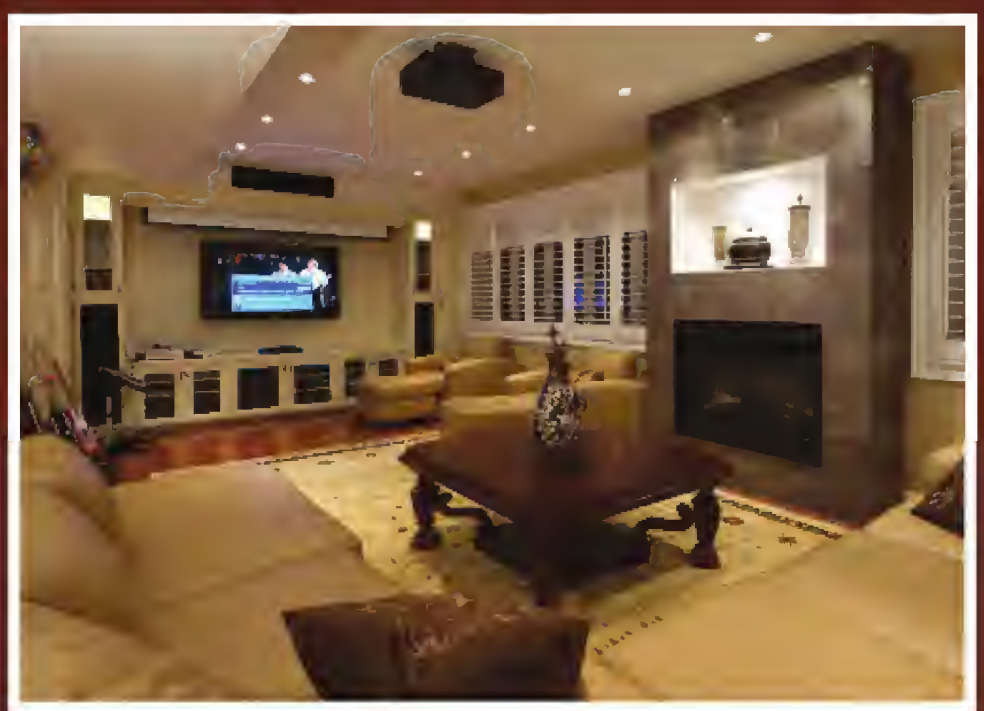

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Perogies & Rib Dinner

St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church, 56 Hearn St. in Bond Head, hosts its famous All-You-Can-Eat Perogie and Rib Dinner on Sunday, February 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. Enjoy perogies, ribs, sauerkraut, Caesar salad, dessert, tea and coffee, only $14 for adults, $7 for children ages 7 to 12, free for kids 6 and under. Continuous serving - tickets available at the door. All welcome!

CNIB gala

Social Connoisseurs in Support of CNIB is holding a fundraising Gala on Friday, February 28 at Heintzman House, 135 Bay Thorn Drive in Thornhill. *Dining in the Dark... Paris Style* is described as an "intimate black tie affair." Tickets are $125 each; see ***www.social connoisseurs.com*** or call Mary Corrado, 647-891-8147.

South Simcoe Business Excellence

The 17th Annual South Simcoe Business Excellence Awards will be presented on Thursday, April 10, recognizing local businesses for excellence, outstanding achievement and customer satisfaction.

Customers, employees and owners can participate, by nominating businesses by February 10, in the following categories:

. **Quality Awards.** Presented to businesses that successfully apply principles of quality management in their search for customer satisfaction and financial success. Quality Awards will be presented to a Micro-Business (less than 5 employees), Small Business, Medium Business, and Large Business.

. **Business Excellence.** Presented to a business that has contributed significantly to the economic development of the community through growth, investment and community involvement.

. **New Business Award**, presented to a new business that has invested in the local economy.

. **Entrepreneur of the Year.** Awarded to an individual for outstanding achievement in starting, taking over or substantially changing an independent for-profit business venture, while exhibiting leadership, creativity and sense of community.

. **Agricultural Award.** Presented to an agricultural enterprise, where the principles of farm operation result in a flourishing and thriving endeavour.

. **Customer Service**. Presented to the business that stands out, in customer service skills.

. **Promotion and Advancement of Literacy.** Presented to a business that has undertaken efforts to promote literacy within their organization.

. **Green Transition.** A new award, presented to a recognized, established business that has initiated significant green transition practices.

. **Youth Entrepreneur,** for youth between the ages of 15 and 29, who has established a business that contributes to local economic development.

Please call or send an email to Robin Brown of Nottawasaga Futures, at 1-800-509-7554 or ***robin@nottawasaga.com,*** identifying the name of the business and the award category. Deadline for nominations is February 10.

Nottawasaga Futures will contact businesses directly, sending out the application forms. Source of the nomination will be kept confidential.

Vendors wanted for Town & Country Show

The **Bradford Board of Trade's Town & Country Living Show** returns to the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre on Saturday, April 26th - a premier home and trade show that features booths on travel, DIY, home renovations, landscaping, decor, beauty and more.

Vendor spaces are still available - promote your business at this great venue. See ***www.bradfordboardoftrade.com*** to sign up, or contact Wayne Brakeboer at 416-727-0242.

The Bradford Board of Trade presents a **Business Before Hours Networking Breakfast**, on Tuesday, January 28, 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Lusitano 2.0 Banquet and Bar, 17 Holland St. West.

The Breakfast is a great way to network, meet potential clients, discover new ideas and share opportunities. Speaker James McNeill, Broker with Centum Mortgage, on *Tiny Changes*. Losing weight, getting in shape, quitting smoking, hitting sales targets, bumping up marketing, improving communications - goals are important. But what happens when it comes time to actually implement a plan to achieve those goals? Most goals fall short, due to failed execution. Learn a simple method that will help you reach your goals, no matter what they are.

Members $15, non-members $20 for Buffet Breakfast, networking and speaker. Register today at ***www.bradfordboardoftrade.com***

Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Doug White, right, watches as Nick folds a McHappy Meal container, at McHappy Day, May 8, 2013.

All 16 McDonald's franchisees and company restaurants north of the GTA have raised $1 million for the new, expanded Ronald McDonald House in Toronto, located on McCaul St.

Ronald McDonald House provides a home away from home for families with seriously-ill children who need life-saving treatment at Toronto hospitals. Of the families who stay at Ronald McDonald House, over one-third come from the communities who made the donations - including Angus, Alliston, Barrie, Beaverton, Bracebridge, Bradford, Collingwood, Dryden, Elliot Lake, Gravenhurst, Huntsville, Kapuskasing, and Thunder Bay.

M & M Meat Shops cooks up a donation

Submitted photo

On November 10, M & M Meat Shops presented a big cheque to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of Canada, to support research into Irritable Bowel Disease. The cheque, representing the proceeds of M & M Meat Shops' 2013 Charity BBQ Day and related fundraisers, totalled $1.2 million. November is Crohn's & Colitis Awareness month.

Crohn's and ulcerative colitis are chronic conditions affecting 1 in 150 Canadians, the highest incidence of IBD in the world. There are over 233,000 Canadians currently living with the diseases. Over the past 25 years, M & M Meat Shops have raised over $24.6 million for the CCFC, supporting research and improving the lives of those affected by IBD.

For more information, see ***www.ccfc.ca***

National Cupcake Day for SPCA

Attention all "Cupcake Crusaders." Monday, February 24 is the 2nd annual National Cupcake Day for Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and Humane Societies, across Canada. Crusaders will be baking cupcakes and selling them, in offices, stores and at Cupcake Day parties across the country, to raise funds for animal welfare. Register at ***www.nationalcupcakeday.ca***

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MEETINGS

AL-ANON: Meets Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Holy Martyrs of Japan Church basement, 167 Essa St. in Bradford. For information, www.al-anon.alateen.org, wso@al-anon.org or call 1-888-4AL-ANON.

SPEAK FOR SUCCESS TOASTMASTERS: Toastmasters meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Tues. of each month upstairs at the new BWG Leisure Centre. 7-9 p.m. For information see www.speakforsuccess.org All welcome.

WEEKLY BINGO: Innisfil Lions Club host a weekly Bingo, Mondays. 5 p.m. doors open, 6:45 p.m. Bingo begins, at the Lions Hall on Innisfil Beach Rd., Alcona. Refreshments available. For info, call 705-436-1826.

HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS: Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS) located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Parenting Workshops, Translation and Interpretation services, Information and referral, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.com

BWG COMMUNITY MEAL: BWG Community Initiatives hosts a hot meal at 5:30 p.m. every Friday evening, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. All welcome - doors open at 5 p.m. Free.

ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH: 721 Simcoe Rd., Bradford. Fund- raising perogies and cabbage rolls sale every Sat. and Sun. 12 to 4 p.m. Info, call the church 905-551-1651.

WRITERS' CIRCLE: BWG Writers' Circle now meets 7-9 p.m. on the 3rd Tues. of the month, at the New Bradford Library, 425 Holland St. W. All Writers welcomed.

SUPPORT FOR DEPRESSION: There is a new support group that meets every Friday evening at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. Support for Depression meets 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., year round, providing an opportunity for those experiencing depression or who have experienced depression to share coping strategies in safe, non-judgemental surroundings, assisted by empathetic facilitators. Organized by the Canadian Mental Health Association - completely anonymous. Enter the church through the Office Door, off Barrie St.

GRANDPARENTS, PARENTING AGAIN: Support group for grandparents with formal or informal custody of their grandchildren. Mondays at the Ontario Early Years Centre Bradford satellite, 118 Barrie St., 1 to 3 p.m. Childcare available; call the centre at 905-775-3039 ext. 229 on the Friday before.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Meets at CHATS (Community & Home Assistance To Seniors), 448 Holland St. West in Bradford, every second Thursday at 10 a.m. An opportunity to get out, meet other caregivers, share stories and strategies, and find new ways to cope. Free, but register by calling Marc, 1-866-677-9048 ext. 6226 or email MTerrance@chat.on.ca

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905-775-3731
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Sunday School & Nursery
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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
53 Miller Park Ave., Bradford
905-775-3412
Sunday Service:
10:00 a.m.

Newton Robinson United Church
Hwy. 27 & Conc. 10 Tecumseth.
Service 9:30 a.m.

Bond Head United Church
Hwy. 88 east of Hwy. 27
Service 11 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery Available

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Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church
167 Essa St. Bradford 905-775-2065
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Sat. 5:00 p.m., Sun. 8:30 a.m.,10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
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11:00 am - Family Bible Hour
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7:30 pm Wed. - Prayer - Bible Study

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16 Hearn St. Bond Head, Sunday Eucharist:
9:30am (Ukrainian), 11:30am (English)
905-775-8282
info@stcatherineofalexandria.ca

Bradford Baptist Church
3224-10th Sdrd
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10:30 am - English Service
10:30 am - Kids Program (Toddler-Grade 8)
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www.bbcweb.ca

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www.Baha'i.org

FRI., JAN. 24

ROBBIE BURNS DAY: At Lakeside Retirement, 985 Innisfil Beach Rd. in Alcona. Haggis, Refreshments and Scottish Music, 2:30 to 4 p.m. RSVP to 705-431-8105.

SAT., JAN. 25

BWG LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION MEETS: At the BWG Public Library Boardroom, 425 Holland St. W., at 2 p.m. Guest speaker is Councillor Gary Lamb, providing an update on the Auld Kirk and the Holland Marsh Drainage Improvement project. All welcome.

ROBBIE BURNS SUPPER: At the Lefroy-Belle Ewart Legion, on Robinson St. in Belle Ewart. Cocktails at 5:45 p.m., followed by the Piping in of the Haggis, by the Innisfil Pipes & Drums, and Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $25 per person. Call Chris Knowles, 705-431-5090 to reserve.

PWA PRO WRESTLING, LIVE: At Delfs Fitness, 129 Bridge St. in Bradford. Doors open at 7 p.m., Bell time is 7:30 p.m. General admission is $15. See Bradford's own Joey Valentyne in action .

MON., JAN. 27

TEC-WE-GWIILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETS: Noon at the Tec-We-Gwill WI Hall in Newton Robinson. Bring your own sandwich; lunch committee will provide coffee, tea and treats. Guest speaker is John Borland, who visited Belize and Guatemala as part of the International Study Tour, through the Advanced Agricultural Program. All welcome; for info, call Sylvia, 705-435-7736 or Glenna, 705-458-1510.

TUES., JAN. 28

BOND HEAD OLD TYME FIDDLE DANCE: At the Bond Head Community Hall on Hwy. 27, at 7 p.m. All welcome!

THURS., JAN. 30

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: CHATS (Community & Home Assistance To Seniors) offers a bi-weekly support group for caregivers at the CHATS Office, 448 Holland St. in Bradford, every 2nd Tuesday at 10 a.m. Free. For more info and to register, call Marc 1-866-677-9048, ext. 6226 or email MTerrance@chats.on.ca

SAT., FEB. 1

BARRIE WINTERFEST: Feb. 1 & 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Barrie Winterfest, at Heritage Park and other downtown locations. Ice sculptures, ice slide, wagon rides, Winter Midway, food vendors and much much more. Includes the annual Polar Bear Dip in Lake Simcoe, noon on Feb. 2 at Centennial Beach - no registration or fee required.

FEBRUARY BLUES AT THE COOKSTOWN LIBRARY: Free concert by Beverly Taft and her band, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Cookstown Branch of the Innisfil Public Library.

SUN., FEB. 2

JOE POIRIER TRIO, LIVE: Free concert at the Bradford Public Library's Atrium, from 2 to 5 p.m. Part of the February Blues festival.

MON., FEB. 3

SCACA MEETS: At the Simcoe County Museum, 1151 Hwy. 26 north of Barrie. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., meeting starts at 1 p.m. Craft of the month: Make a ring from Buttons and Wire, with Barb Whittingham. Bring needlenose pliers, wire cutters (if you have them) and fancy buttons; cost for non-members is $10 and includes instruction, materials and refreshments. RSVP to info@simcoecrafts.ca or call 705-719-1438.

THURS., FEB. 6

SERVICE FOR REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF REV. FEATHERSTONE OSLER: A Service for the Repose of the Soul of The Reverend Canon Featherstone Osler (1805-1895) will be held at St. Catherine of Alexandria Byzantine Catholic Church, 56 Hearn St. in Bond head. The church, formerly Trinity Anglican, was founded by Rev. Osler. Preacher will be Rev. Edward J.R. Jackman, church historian. Service at 7 p.m., to be followed by fellowship and refreshments in the church hall.

SAT., FEB. 8

YUK YUK'S EVENING OF COMEDY: Doors open at 7 p.m. at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford, 767 Simcoe Rd. Comedy Show from 8:30 to 10 p.m., followed by DJ, dancing and food. Tickets $30 each, available at VideoQuest, Decorator's Edge, and the Bradford Curling Club, 125 Simcoe Rd. Presented by the Curling Club.

SUN., FEB. 9

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PEROGIE AND RIB DINNER: At St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church, 56 Hearn St. in Bond Head, 5 to 7 p.m. Enjoy all-you-can-eat perogies, ribs, sauerkraut, Caesar salad, dessert, tea, coffee, only $14 adults, $7 children ages 7-12, free for children 6 and under. Tickets at the door, continuous serving. All welcome.

SAT., FEB. 15

BARRIE-ALLANDALE MODEL TRAIN SHOW: 44th annual show takes place Sat. and Sun., Feb. 15 & 16 at Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery in Barrie, on Hwy. 90. Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $6 adults, $4 for Seniors and Students, free for children under 6.

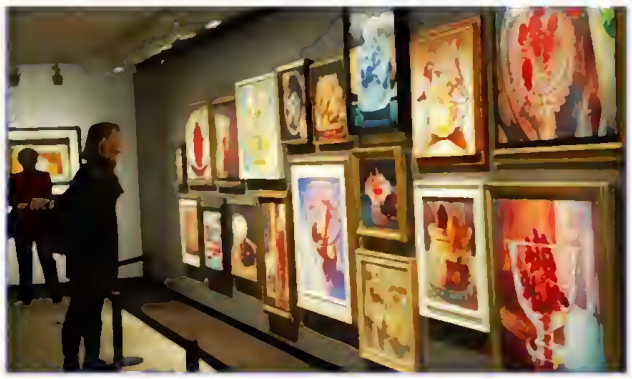
Valentine's Dance

There will be a Valentine's Day Dance, featuring The Cruisers, on Saturday, February 15 at the Bradford Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford, from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The evening is a fundraiser for Trinity Anglican Church and includes a Silent Auction table, and a late-night buffet at 10 p.m.

Tickets are only $15 per person; contact Michelle Harwood at 905-778-1304, Gretchen Dewhirst, 905-775-7079 or Lorna Oldreive, 905-775-8768.

It's the Arts!

Mary Pratt: a retrospective



Above, "Cold Cream" by Mary Pratt. (Photo courtesy of the McMichael Canadian collection). At right, salon-style display of still lifes.

The retrospective of Mary Pratt's work, on display at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection, is long overdue: Of all of Canada's contemporary artists, Pratt may be one of the least known, by the average Canadian, and is all too often dismissed as a 'Realist.'

The exhibit, ***Mary Pratt***, brings together over 60 works spanning 50 years - some from The Rooms Provincial Art Gallery in St. John's, Newfoundland, and the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, but many others on loan from private collections across the country.

The works are organized by theme, "instead of doing it chronologically," says Rachel Weiner, Communications Co-ordinator. "More thematically, the way Mary sees it. Her life isn't ordered by clocks, but by these daily rituals."

Everyday Rituals, Place, Process, Realism, Offerings, The Feminine - each area of the exhibition is an expression of a concept, through Pratt's oils, mixed media and pastels, connecting works that use everyday objects to uncover layers of meaning.

A unique feature of the exhibit: Pratt herself was involved in the organization of the show, in writing the panel descriptions that accompany each space, and in providing audio and video statements to accompany her works, giving insight into her perceptions and the painstaking process she uses to create her luminous paintings.

In the Realism section, a collection of her still lifes are hung Salon-style, creating sensory overload, and Weiner says, "a feast for the eyes" - literally. Many of the paintings are of food, but not always in the traditional style: as well as her glowing and iconic paintings of light streaming through jelly jars and illuminated bowls of fruit, there are paintings of a fish head in a sink, eviscerated chickens, raw salmon.

Pratt finds beauty in the images - and for that very reason, the images are disturbing. The works are immediate, visceral yet haunting, with layers of meaning beneath the smooth surfaces - and often an intentional sense of cruelty, and dread.

Since 1969, Pratt has worked from photographs and slides, using the camera to capture an instant in time. Her first work done from a photograph was "Supper Table," which is included in the show. "This is the painting that began my professional career, my obsession with light and my acceptance of the world that is available to me," she wrote, calling the camera her liberator: "Now that I no longer had to paint on the run, I could pay each gut reaction its proper homage... I could use the slide to establish the drawing, and concentrate on the light, the content and the symbolism."

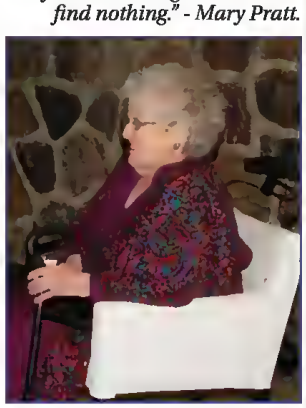
Pratt has paid a price for her art. From her home in St. John's, she was recorded as saying, "The way I paint is ridiculous. It's very, very hard... It's sacrificial, really." Pratt gave up comfort and her social life - but without that sacrifice, "there wouldn't be the paintings."

The exhibit at the McMichael is an intimate look at the process and ideas of one of Canada's great painters, whose vision transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary. Pratt was present for the Opening, on January 18, addressing a standing-room-only crowd in the Great Hall, and later autographing copies of her book, Mary Pratt: A Personal Calligraphy.

"There's something about the creative process that requires you to have a grain of sand in your shoe," Pratt told the crowd, explaining that while recent medical treatment has eased her physical discomfort, it has made it harder for her to paint. But recently, during a power outage, while attempting to read by candlelight, she suddenly noticed two pomegranates and a lemon, partly illuminated by the candle. The vivid colours and shapes disappeared into darkness, "and I thought, that's what Rembrandt saw! I thought, after this I'll paint by candlelight."

Mary Pratt, a retrospective will be on display at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection, 10365 Islington Ave. in Kleinburg, until April 27.

"My strength has always been to find something where others find nothing." - Mary Pratt.



Mary Pratt, at the McMichael.

Artists wanted for Studio Tour

It takes a lot of planning for the annual BWG Studio Art Tour, which this year will take place September 19 to 21 at a variety of venues.

There are brochures to prepare, logistics to work out - which is why organizers are asking interested artists to submit their applications by January 31.

The Studio Art Tour is a project of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury and the South Simcoe Arts Council, working together to showcase the works and talents of local artists and artisans. The Tour features only original works, at venues that range from artists' studios, to public spaces like the Bradford Public Library.

There is an entry fee of $100 - which is returned, if the artwork is not accepted for the juried show - and host artists are required to reside in or have studio space within the municipality, and to provide an artist statement or brief biography.

For more information see ***www.southsimcoeartscouncil.com***, call 705-435-2378 or email ***info@southsimcoeartscouncil.com***

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Studio Art Tour is a self-directed tour of local artists, and will include a fundraising auction of student artwork.

LSCF calls for artists

Wanted: Local artists to design and decorate wood Royal Lake Simcoe Chairs, for the 26th Annual Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation Dinner, planned for Weds., June 11 at the Manor at Carrying Place in King Twp.

The Royal Lake Simcoe Chair is a variation on the Muskoka chair. Artists will paint or carve the chairs on an original theme related to the Lake Simcoe Watershed, Nature, or First Nations. All chairs become the property of the Foundation, to be auctioned off at the Conservation Dinner, to raise funds for the Foundation. Artists whose designs are accepted will receive two tickets to the Conservation Dinner, valued at $175 each.Works completed by May 15.

In previous years, participating artists have included Wendy Mackenzie, Meade Helman, Joyce Sedore, Barbara Huson and Ron Baird.

Artists interested in participating are asked to submit their original design proposal and biography to LSCF annual Fund Co-ordinator Lee Hanson at ***l.hanson@lsrca.on.ca*** or call 905-895-1281 ext. 251, by March 1. More information is available at ***http://lakesimcoefoundation.ca/events/conservation-dinner/calling-all-artists-paint-lake-simcoe-chairs-for-charity/***

Innisfil focuses on the arts

Innisfil is home to numerous artists, hosts an annual Innisfil Studio Tour, and the Around the Corners Art tour in Cookstown - but it has never had a work of "Public Art," installed in its parks or public places.

Until now. As part of the construction of a new Innisfil Hydro building, the power distribution company approached the Innisfil Arts, Culture & Heritage Council to find a dramatic piece of artwork for the site.

The IACHC launched a national competition, and received 8 proposals, short-listed to 3. The Innisfil Hydro Board had the final say, and selected the work of internationally-acclaimed sculptor, Ron Baird.

On January 17, Baird joined Innisfil Mayor Barb Baguley, representatives of the IACHC, the jury panel and Innisfil Hydro, and unveiled a to-scale maquette of his new work, "Jig Rig." Baird, who created Barrie's Spirit Catcher sculpture and the Dragonfly in Bradford, creates "kinetic sculptures" that use wind and moving parts to express a concept, and engage the viewer.

Baird said that he had been "consumed" by the challenge, to come up with a proposal that would show a connection to the community, connection to the environment, and reflect the principles and work of Innisfil Hydro.

Baird noted, "I do work around the world, but rarely around my home.... Lake Simcoe is my home. I'm passionate about the environment, and the lake."

The maquette is made of polished stainless steel. Steel columns intertwine in a complex pattern resembling the flow of water, and the piece is topped with blades that spin in the wind. The actual sculpture will stand approximately 36' high (almost 12 metres), and will be illuminated by LED lighting.

The $125,000 work is being fabricated in Barrie, at Stainless Steal Outfitters, to be installed in October.

Pan Am Games in Cookstown

On January 22, officials with the 2015 Pan Am Games attended the Toronto International Trap and Skeet Club, located just outside of Cookstown, to make an announcement.

The Club, at 5206 Sideroad 5 in Innisfil, will be the venue for the Shooting Competition.

Attending Wednesday's announcement were MP, the Hon. Peter Van Loan, Minister of State for Sport Bal Gosal, and new TO2015 CEO, Saad Rafi.

Live PWA Wrestling

Live PWA (Pure Wrestling Association) pro wrestling returns to Bradford on Saturday, January 25 at Delfs' Martial Arts & Health Club, 129 Bridge St. The family-friendly show, suitable for all ages, will include PWA star Joey Lotts, Bradford's own Joey Valentyne. Doors open at 7 p.m., Bell rings at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are only $15 per person; call the hotline at 905-830-7804. Tickets available at the door.

Glo Bowling

Hwy. 11 Cruisers Car Club hosts a Family Glow Bowling Night at Stellar Lanes, 1220 Stellar Dr. in Newmarket, on February 15, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. $22 per person. Call Danny, 416-729-7480 or Mary, 416-889-1608.

Ontario's road to Sochi

by Stefan Spiroff, Bradford Times

The Olympic flame will be lit in just over 2 weeks, signalling the start of the 2014 Winter Olympic games in Sochi, Russia - where Canadian athletes will compete for gold on the world's biggest athletic stage.

The Canadians will be looking to build on an incredible final result at the 2010 Olympic games in Vancouver,when the country earned a group-leading 14 gold medals, more than the Germans or Americans - an incredible bounce-back performance from the lowly 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary, when Canadians cracked the podium just three times.

The modern Olympics date back to 1896, but the Winter Olympic games are only a 90-year-old tradition. The first Winter games were held in Chamonix, France in 1924, when only 16 nations and 258 athletes participated.

The Winter games are traditionally held every four years, with the exception of the 1940 and '44 games, cancelled due to the hostilities of World War II. Eighty-eight countries and 2,500 athletes are scheduled to compete in the Sochi games next month.

Canada's domination at the 2010 games will increase expectations in Sochi, and the quality of our athletes is as high as ever. And there is a local connection: some of our current Winter Olympians were born and raised not too far away from Bradford.

Roughly 40 Ontario-born athletes will participate in the Sochi games, including some of the National Hockey League's most promising young stars. Mississauga-native Jonathan Taveres is one of twenty-four NHLers chosen to represent Team Canada's Olympic Men's Ice Hockey team. It will be the 23 year-old's first shot at the Olympics since getting drafted by the New York Islanders in the 2009 NHL Entry draft. Joining him is 24 year-old Scarborough-native, Steven Stamkos, arguably the league's most gifted scorer and a two-time 'Rocket' Richard Trophy-winner (awarded to the player with the most goals in the NHL). The Tampa Bay Lightning forward wasn't even expected to join Canada in the Olympics after November news reports swirled that the superstar had broken his leg during a severe collision with a goal post. But after an unusually quick recovery process, Stamkos' coach says that he will be healed and healthy for the opening ceremonies on February 7th.

The men's team is a definite contender for the gold medal - which would be Canada's second consecutive victory at the Olympics.

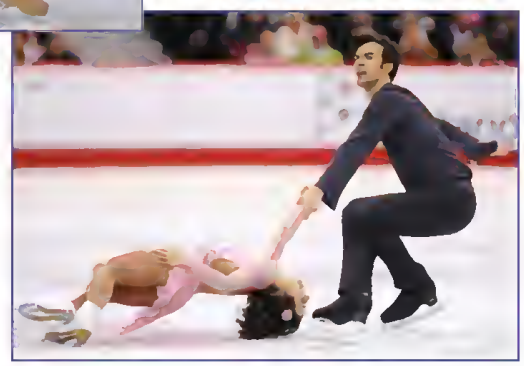
Also representing Canada is locally-born figure skater Gabrielle Daleman. The 15 year-old Newmarket native absolutely wowed the crowd during her routine skate at the Canadian Figure Skating Championships in Ottawa, on January 11th. Fighting for the last few Olympic spots, Daleman and 18 year-old Katelyn Osmond competed in an all-out battle, finishing 1 and 2 on the podium with scores of 186.6 and 209.9 - both qualifying for Sochi.

Afterwards, Gabrielle shared her thoughts with Toronto Sun columnist Steve Buffery: " I'll be turning 16 on (Jan. 13), so it's just going to be the best birthday present ever," said Daleman.

Gabrielle will be accompanied by ice-dancing pair Alexandra Paul and Mitchell Islam from Barrie, who were both selected to make an appearance in Sochi after finishing 3rd at the Canadians championships. Patrick Chan, Scott Moir, and Tessa Virtue are the only three skaters on the Canadian team who have been to the Olympics before; 14 of the 17 skaters chosen to represent the country are first-time Olympians.

Three-time Canadian Championship winner and former Bradford resident, Meagan Duhamel is one of the 14 skaters who will step onto Olympic ice for the very first time. Duhamel was born and raised in Lively, Ontario, but moved to Bradford in her late-teen years to live with her uncle while attending classes at Georgian College. The 28 year-old began training at the Mariposa School of Skating in Barrie at the age of 14, before she was pursued by a professional figure skating coach in Montreal - the city where she currently resides.

After falling short in the qualifiers for the Vancouver 2010 games, Duhamel is grateful to have been given a chance to represent Canada in Sochi, and she accredits her success to her parents. "My parents instilled in me a great work ethic growing up, and supported me both morally and financially," said Duhamel. "I am extremely grateful for that."



Top: Gabrielle Daleman. Above: Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford.
Photos by Stephan Potopnyk, Skate Canada.

Duhamel will be competing on the world's biggest stage, in front of millions of viewers from across the globe. Although the pressure will be high, she plans to make the most of the experience. "Normally, I would go to a competition for about five days and then return home,"she laughs. " Here, [in Sochi] I'll be competing for two weeks".

Duhamel is opting to stay low-key during the two-week event; she knows that succumbing to the glamour of the Olympics could be performance-altering. "We were told that the Olympics will be the most amazing experience of our lives, but then again, it's just a competition. Once I'm on the ice, it's just like any other rink. That's the kind of attitude that I want to bring with me to Sochi."

When asked if she is more nervous or excited to be competing in Sochi, Duhamel said, "Honestly, I'm going to feel like a kid in a candy store. Words can't describe how excited, and relieved that I am."

Duhamel will compete in pair skating with her partner Eric Radford, with whom she has been working since 2010.

Canada has earned 22 medals in figure skating since 1932: 4 gold, eight silver, and 10 bronze. The country's latest gold medal was awarded to Scott Moir and Tessa Virtue after their first place finish in ice-dancing at the Vancouver 2010 games. Canadian skaters will be looking to add to the medal tally in Sochi, as will the Canadian Olympic skeleton team.

Skeleton is one of the Winter Olympics' newest official sports, permanently added to the list of winter Olympic sports in 2002. Skeleton, which takes place on the same ice track as bobsleigh, begins with a running push, after which the athlete dives on the board stomach first - steering the sled with body movements.

Leading Sochi's Canadian Olympic skeleton team is London Ontario-native John Fairbairn, who became Canada's fifth-ever medallist at the Skeleton World Championships after collecting a bronze medal on January 12th.

"I've always been known as a strong pilot with my sled, which will be an advantage to me in Sochi, because it is a long track with some difficult technical sections," Fairbairn said. "With the improvements I've made in my push times this year, I feel I can compete with the best in the world. It's about putting my best efforts forward, and making sure I take care of the small things, in order to keep improving my sliding and athletic abilities.

He added, "I'm very excited to compete in my first Olympics, and I'm sure I'll have some nerves as I get closer to the race... It will be a very different atmosphere in Sochi than what we normally see at a World Cup or World Championship."

The Canadian Woman's Ice Hockey team is another strong group to watch for at the Olympics. Twenty-five players, nine from Ontario, were named to the Olympic team - arguably the strongest Canadian woman's group in history, although many are young, and first-time Olympians.

There are several returning veterans that are worth mentioning. Thirty-year-old forward Gillian Apps, granddaughter of former NHLer Syl Apps, will compete in her third consecutive Olympics. The Unionville native has collected a total of ten goals and eleven assists in just ten Olympic matches, split between the Turin and Vancouver Olympic games.

Kingston-born Jayna Hefford is another member of Team Canada with a respectable Olympic resume. Hefford was just 20 years old when she was first named to Canada's national team, prior to the 1998 Olympic winter games in Nogano, and she has been with the team at every Olympics since. Seven other players, including Tara Watchorn and Brianne Jenner, will wear the Canadian jersey with Ontario pride.

And in cross-country skiing, Toronto-native Lenny Valjas is the one to keep an eye on during the Olympics. Valjas failed to qualify for the 2010 games, but has earned five World Cup medals since - making his mark on the international stage, and solidifying his spot as one of Canada's most promising young skiers.

Canadian athletes have taken large strides in recent years, stepping up to the podium and proving that Canada can compete with the world's Olympic heavyweights. In 2010, our athletes managed to surpass the rival Americans in the gold rush, a country which is home to 300 million people, ten times the population of Canada. The quality of our athletes is second-to-none.

When the Olympic flame is lit on February 7th, Canadians will be stepping up with confidence, and determination.

"I feel I can compete with the best in the world. It's about putting my best efforts forward."- John Fairbairn.

Sports

BWGMHA Rep results

NOVICE SELECTS

Jan. 5, Bradford Novice Selects - 7, Uxbridge Bruins - 4. Jacob Sim with a hat trick, Andreas Alves with a pair, singles by Matthew Svirac and Matthew Carvalheiro. Assists to Brandon Spadafora, Lucas Wehby, Caleb Christophersen, Kaden Reinhardt, Tyler Klic, Colton Graham, Svirac, Alves and Carvalheiro. Great effort by goalie Austin Domingues.

MINOR ATOM

Jan. 18, Richmond Hill - 8, Bradford Dissette Animal Hospital - 5. Scoring by Anthony Nascimento with a hat trick, singles by Kyle Lomas and Alex Semiao. Assists to Tanner Hueglin, Darcy Mott (2), Matthew Boughner, Davis Frederick, and Nascimento.

MINOR PEEWEE

Jan. 9, Bradford - 5, Markham - 4. Scoring by Westin Torrie and Jackson Carruthers with a pair apiece, single by Joseph Magani. Assists to Torrie, Carruthers, William Bishop, Noah Miranda (2) and Cole Takacs (2), in a back and forth battle.

Jan. 12, Aurora - 3, Bradford - 0. Great effort; fantastic defence by Thomas King. Caleb Garbe in net kept it close.

Jan. 15, Markham - 5, Bradford - 4, in a hard-fought match. Scoring by William Bishop from Thomas King; Cole Takacs from Bishop; Stuart Heath from King; and Ryan Jensen from Caleb Booth. Billy Mazanek was solid in net.

BWGMHA Local League

NOVICE LL

Dec. 15, Bradford #2 - 4, Thornton #1 - 3. Goals by Matthew Svirac, Chadian Reinhardt, Braydon Brown and Jacob Sim, with assists to Tyler Klic (2) and Svirac.

Dec. 21, Bradford #2 - 5, NobleKing #1 - 1. Brandon Spadafora with the hat trick, singles by Matthew Svirac and Kaden Reinhardt. Helpers to Grayson Coburn, Spencer Ryan, Sophia Stam, Andreas Alves and Svirac.

Jan. 11, Bradford #2 - 4, Beeton Stingers #2 - 2. Goals by Matthew Svirac, Brandon Spadafora, Andreas Alves and Jacob Sim, from Sim, Alves, Kaden Reinhardt, Svirac, Spadafora and Philip Collings.

Jan. 12, Bradford #2 - 3, Innisfil - 2. Jacob Sim with 2 goals, Kaden Reinhardt with a single, from Spencer Ryan, Andreas Alves and Reinhardt.

Jan. 19, Bradford #2 - 15, Lefroy - 1. Andreas Alves with 4 goals, Tyler Klic with a hat trick, Matthew Svirac with a pair, and singles by Brayden Lyte, Philip Collings, Kaden Reinhardt, Scott Fisher, Jacob Sim and Spencer Ryan. Assists to Svirac (2), Collings (2), Spadafora (2), Klic. Fantastic goaltending by Austin Domingues.

PEEWEE LL

Correction: Jan. 4, Bradford Peewee #4 - 3, Bradford Peewee #2 - 2. Bradford #4 goals by Blake Fellman from Melissa Brinkos; and Malcolm Gill with a pair - one from Matthew Quizi; one from Brayden Heatley and Eric Mak.

Jan. 6, Bradford Peewee #4 - 3, Lefroy #2 - 2. Goals by Brayden Heatley with a pair, single by Eric Mak - all unassisted.

Jan. 9, Bradford #2 - 3, Thornton #1 - 0. Goals by Matthew Barroso from Nicholas Petherick and Jackson Andrews; and two by Caleb Elliott - on assists from Evan Broad (2) and Adam Chabot. Shutout to Stephen Ensing-Walsh.

Jan. 18, Bradford #2 - 3, Thornton #2 - 1. Caleb Elliott with 2 goals, both from Kian Hesmondalgh; single by Hesmondalgh from Elliott.

Jan. 19, Bradford #2 - 5, Bradford #3 - 5. Bradford 2 scoring by Matthew Barroso with a pair, and Caleb Elliott with a hat trick. Assists to Adam Chabot (2), Jackson Andrews, Cameron Slade, Evan Broad (2), Kian Hesmondalgh (2) and Erik Rawding (2).

Micro-Works Major Curling

Micro-Works Major Curling League Game of the Week, for January 15: Gregg Truscott (Blue Cross/Moen Sports Technologies) - 6, Phil Loevenmark (Dominion of Canada Insurance Co./Bunn-o-Matic - 5. Tight back-and-forth game, with Truscott taking advantage of the hammer in the 8th to take 2 for the win. Both teams have 5 wins, 6 losses.

Andrew Thompson (Comco Canada/Dr. Chris Schell-Optometrist/Ray's Driving School) - 6, Jennifer Allan (Roy's Enterprise) - 0. Thompson is in top spot with 10 wins, 1 loss. Allan is 2 and 9.

Bob Dumond - 7, Wylie Allan (Saputo Bakery/Roy's Enterprise) - 3. Allan has 6 wins, 5 losses. Dumond is 1 and 10.

Don Campbell (J.C. Salmon Charters/Datalogix) - 8, Sarah Picton (The Peelers - Comco Canada) - 5. Campbell is 5 and 6; Picton is 3 and 8.

Al Corbeil (Calcia Calcium) - 8, Bob Armstrong (Caesarstone Canada) - 2. Corbeil is tied for 3rd, with 7 wins, 4 losses. Armstrong is 4 and 7.

Bill Irwin (Shot Rock Shop) - 8, Gayle McKenna (Paul Sadlon) - 4. Irwin is 2nd in the standings with 9 wins, 2 losses. McKenna has 7 wins, 4 losses.

Heather Graham (Cal's Gals - Cal Accounting) - 9, Ken Leach (ReThredz) - 2. Despite the loss, Leach remains tied for 3rd, with 7 wins, 4 losses. Graham is 5 and 6.

Cory Heggestad (Moen Sports Technologies/Cynor) - 8, Willie MacPherson (BMC Construction/A. McAfee & Assoc. Insurance Brokers) 4. Both rinks have 6 wins, 5 losses.

The league now plays out of the Stroud Curling Club in Innisfil, Wednesday nights at 6:45 and 9 p.m. The public is welcome to come out and watch the curling.

Bradford Curling Corner

The Bradford Curling Club welcomes curlers to its Bonspiels in 2014.

. Rock n Roll Bonspiel for Spinal Cord Injury Ontario - an Open Spiel, on Saturday, February 1, with Competitive, Non-Competitive and Wheelchair Divisions. Entry fee is $220 per team - and includes lunch, Silent Auction and games. To sign up, contact Jennifer Berry at 705-726-4546 ext. 224 or ***jennifer.berry@sciontario.org*** A fundraiser for Spinal Cord Injury Ontario.

. Sadie Hawkins Mixed Bonspiel, on Saturday, February 15 - Ladies play Skip, Men play Vice in two 8-end games. Entry fee is $200 per team; lunch and dinner included. Contact ***enquiries@bradfordcurlingclub.ca***

At left, Kindergym Babies demonstrate what they learned at Genesis Gymnastics in Bradford. All of the students of the gymnastics school put on a performance in front of an audience of siblings and family members, on December 19. For info, see ***www.genesisgymnastics.ca***

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Local League Peewees in Tourney

Bradford Peewee #4 Local League team participated in the Walter Gretzky Memorial Tournament, Jan. 10-12.

Game 1, Bradford #4 - 4, Grimsby Sharks - 1. Brayden Heatley notched all four goals - one unassisted, the others with help from Blake Fellman (2) and Mason McCarty. Player of the Game: Matthew Quizi.

Game 2, Metcalfe Jets - 8, Bradford #4 - 1. Lone goal by Malcolm Gill from Brayden Heatley and Steve Amador. Player of the Game: Melissa Brinkos.

Game 3, Brantford Smeda Brothers - 3, Bradford #4 - 0. Player of the Game: Mason McCarty.

Barrie's Winterfest!

Barrie's Winterfest takes place at Heritage Park and other venues along the waterfront on Saturday and Sunday, February 1 and 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy Horse-drawn wagon rides, a free lumberjack show at noon, 1:30 and 3 p.m. each day, ice maze, mini tube slide, fabulous ice sculptures, and dogsled rides for $2 per person. There will be a winter midway, food vendors, and a Scouts' Winter Cook-out, both days of Winterfest.

On Saturday morning, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., enjoy a Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale at Central United Church, 54 Ross St. - $7 adults, $3 for kids under 11, free for pre-schoolers.

And on Sunday at noon - take the plunge, with a Polar Bear Dip in Lake Simcoe!

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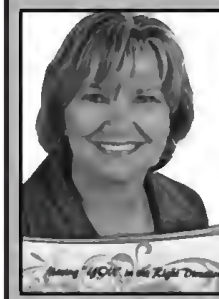

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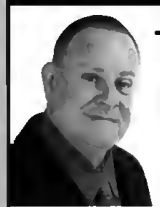

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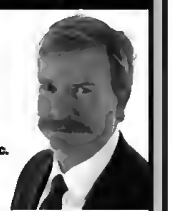

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Public Notices

COOKSTOWN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Annual Meeting for the Cookstown Agricultural Society will be held on Friday, January 24th, 2014 (rain date Jan. 31st). The meeting is being held at Church's Farm Supply in Innisfil, beginning at 8:00 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

Volunteer Opportunity

The Cookstown Agricultural Society is currently seeking a Secretary/Treasurer. Duties include but not limited to:

- Monthly meeting minutes
- Keeping up-to-date bank records
- Prepare annual financial statements and report them to the Board of Directors
- Communicate between directors, bank OAAS and information on current events
- Paying all fees and expenses in a timely manner

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Obituaries

NESBITT, Katherin Myldred - Katherin Nesbitt passed away peacefully, surrounded by the love of her family, on January 18, 2014. She is survived by her husband Jack, children Jason, Jacquelynn (Scott) and Kyle (Robin), grandchildren Jackson, Nash, Seth and Saydey and by her brother Fred (Irene). Katherin will be greatly missed also by her friends in the Bahama Palm Shores community. The family is especially grateful for the compassionate home care she received from the CCAC nursing staff, family physician Mike Lewin and sister-in-law Helen Edney. A private family memorial will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to the **FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME,** 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 (519-538-1320)
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Obituaries

WESTLAKE, Douglas Robert - Peacefully passed away at Headwaters Health Care Centre, Orangeville on Friday, January 17, 2014. Doug Westlake of Tottenham and formerly of Bradford in his 63rd year. Beloved dad of Carla (Jim) Williams and Craig Westlake (Stephanie Scotland). Proud grandpa of Jace and Jordan. Doug will be lovingly remembered by his fiancée Cathy Duke and her family. Loving son of Emlyn and the late Robert Westlake. Dear brother of Ken (Diane), Kathryn (Mike Ulicki), Betty (Carman) Buttars, Diane (Keith) Ferguson and predeceased by Lawrence. Doug will also be fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Friends called at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, Bradford for visitation. Funeral service was held at the St. John's Presbyterian Church, Bradford on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 11 a.m. Interment Bond Head United Church Cemetery. In Doug's memory, donations to the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health Foundation would be appreciated.

In Memoriams

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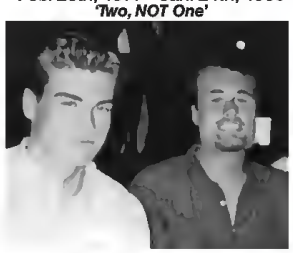


My Dear Family & Friends, my grieving, it does not end.
My Darling sons, that I adore,
In our home 'one' is no more.
The oldest, he is gone, though it seems it's been so long.
Please do remember back, when he was here how we laughed.
Now all I want is, if you can, share with me,
The past, and our memories of him.
That's all I ask, that's all I want.
For I will never once forget!! I have TWO not one.
Two darling sons, two handsome ones.
One who will no longer come home!
I need your strength, I need your prayers,
I need you friends to help me share.
That I've had TWO, not one.

Missing him Always
Love Mom, Dad and Bob
'Jimmy' LIKE A ROCK

BWGMHA Tyke and Pre-tyke players and volunteers join Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Doug White, Deputy Mayor Rob Keffer and Councillor Carl Hordyk, and mascots Boomer the Bulldog and Chuck the Puck, at the start of Hockey Day in BWG, January 18 in Bond Head.

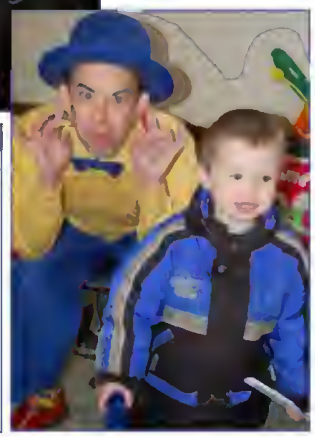
Hockey Day in BWG!

HOCKEY, from Page 1

3 years old took to the ice, to play a mini-game or shinny hockey. Teams came from Bradford, Bond Head, Beeton and Schomberg for the event, and the opportunity to participate in the local version of "Hockey Day in Canada".

Inside the Bond Head Hall, Lions Club members cooked up a pancake breakfast, and later, a BBQ lunch, while an estimated 190 kids suited up for their games, got an Airbrush Fantasy tattoo, picked up their medals and mini hockey sticks from BWG Minor Hockey Association volunteers, and helped to celebrate the real spirit of hockey in Canada.

Above, Schomberg Tykes play in Bond Head, Jan. 18.
At left, Miles, 3 and Andrew, 5 show off the medals they received for participating in Hockey Day in BWG.
Below, Hiccup the Balloon Artist and a young friend, at the Bond Head Community Hall.



Above, Mascots Boomer the Bulldog and Chuck the Puck. At right, Pre-Tykes chase the puck on a perfect outdoor rink.

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